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American Numismatic Society
B'way and 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I should like to obtain a photograph of the coin represented on the enclosed clipping which might be used for ^ahalf tone in a Latin book which we plan to publish in the fall.

If you are in a position to supply such a photograph (glossy print) we should be glad to have you send us one with bill.

If you do not have it, can you tell us where it might be obtained?

Yours very truly,
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Edith L. Severance
High School Editorial Department

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July 22, 1930

Henry Holt & Co.
1 Park Avenue
New York City

Atten. Miss Edith L. Severance

Dear Sir:

Your communication concerning the making of a photograph of the Roman bronze As of the reduced size, is at hand. Unfortunately none of our specimens are in sufficiently good shape to make decent half-tones. We suggest that you photograph one of the several illustrations in "Coins of the Roman Republic in the British Museum", London 1910, Vol. III, Pl. XII, No. 9, or Pl. XV, No. 1. One or the other of these two coins come nearer agreeing with your illustrations than any other. This book undoubtedly is obtainable at the Public Library, and they can make a photograph for you. Or, if you wish to wait until after August 1st, we can make a photograph for you here.

Kindly let us know what you decide to do.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



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July 30, 1930

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway Between 155th and 156 Streets
New York, N. Y.

Attention of Mr. Howland Wood

My dear Mr. Wood:

As I am unable to find a copy of the 1910 edition of COINS OF THE ROMAN REPUBLIC IN THE BRITISH MUSEUM in the Public Library, I should appreciate it very much if you would make a photograph for me of the coins to which you refer. While I should like to use this same picture, or something very similar, it is not necessary that I do so. We simply wish something to illustrate Roman coins in a first year Latin textbook. I am confident that anything which you send will be satisfactory. As you undoubtedly know glossy prints reproduce better than others.

Yours very truly,
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC.

Edith L. Sewall
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ROMAN COIN

Aug. 6, 1930

Henry Holt & Co.

1 Park Avenue

New York City

Atten. Edith L. Severance

Dear Sirs:

In reply to your letter of the 30th, we shall be glad to photograph four typical specimens of Roman coins for you; the cost of three or four will be no more than that of one, as they can all be put on the same negative. I cannot be definite as to when this will reach you as I am on my vacation now and the man who does the photography has not yet gotten started on this work.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

August 14, 1930

Henry Holt & Co.
1 Park Avenue
New York City

Atten. Edith L. Severance

Dear Sirs:

Herewith I am sending the
print of Roman coins with the bill for same attached.

The coins photographed are as follows:

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|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Rome Republic | circa 335 - 312 B.C. | - As or Unit,
Mark of Value /I |
| 2. " " | " 286 - 268 B.C. | - Uncia |
| 3. " " | " 268 - 240 B.C. | - " |
| 4. " " | " 240 - 229 B.C. | - Denarius |

Very truly yours,

Assistant Curator.



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November 10, 1930

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Some time ago you were so good as to send me photographs of various Roman coins. Now I wonder if it would be possible to secure a photograph or photostat of the coin pictured in the enclosed illustration?

I do not care which process is used providing the results are good enough to reproduce as a half tone. The picture should be a glossy print in any case.

If it would be possible for you to furnish me with a photograph of the original I should appreciate it very much indeed.

Yours very truly,
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC.

Edith L. Devereaux

High School Editorial Department

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ROMAN COIN

The unit of value in the old Roman coinage, corresponding to our cent, was made of copper or mixed metal (*aes, aeris, n.*). A common form of this coin had the two-faced head of Janus on one side and the prow of a ship on the other (whence the expression used by Roman boys in tossing up, **Capita aut navim**).

Instead of expressing **quam**, *than*, to show comparison, the ablative of the second noun or pronoun was often used after the comparative, if the first noun was nominative or accusative.

Paene omnibus pāx est grātior bellō.

To almost all, peace is *more pleasing than* war.

Urbem pulchriōrem Corinthō numquam vīdī.

I never saw a city *more beautiful than* Corinth.

NOTE. The idea of this ablative seems to be of separation, as: *Apart from Corinth*, I never saw a more beautiful city.

Dec. 2, 1930

Henry Holt & Co.

1 Park Avenue

New York City

Dear Sirs:

I am herewith enclosing prints of the Roman coins similar to the variety you desired. Please pardon the delay which was caused by our having some difficulty in locating this variety which is not common.

Very truly yours,

Curator.



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December 3, 1930

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th St.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the prints of
the Roman coins which were received to-
day. We deeply appreciate your cooper-
ation.

Yours very truly,
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY, INC.

Edith L. Revere

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July 3, 1935

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 156th Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

In a forthcoming scientific encyclopaedia for young people, we wish to illustrate an article on numismatics with pictures of the following medals:

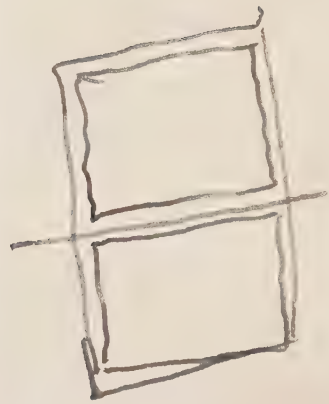
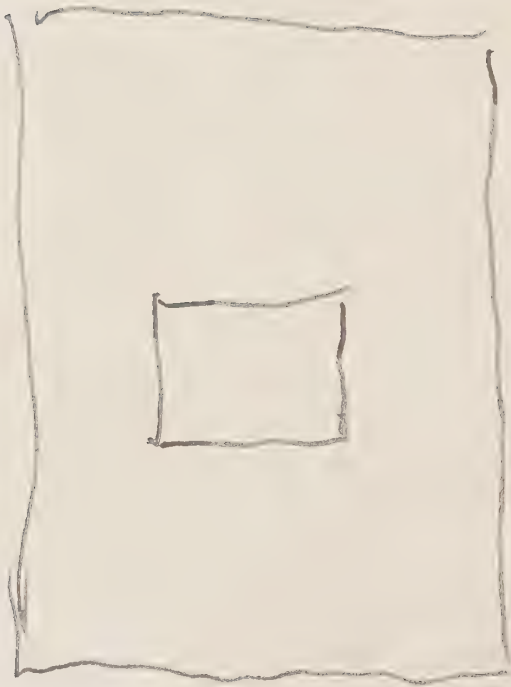
- ✓ The Congressssional Medal of Honor for the Army 1904
- ✓ U. S. Distinguished Service Cross ✓
- ✓ Congressional Medal of Honor for the Navy
- ✓ Victory Medal

If you have photographs of these medals that you could let us have, we should be very grateful, indeed. We are, of course, prepared to pay any fee that may be required and to print a suitable credit line.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Gloria H. Sutton
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY
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FMS



July 8, 1935.

Henry Holt and Company
One Park Avenue
New York City.

Gentlemen: Attention: Mrs. F. M. Sutton

We can photograph for you the Congressional Medal of Honor for the Army, the Distinguished Service Cross for the Army, the Congressional Medal of Honor for the Navy and the Victory Medal. Years ago we made negatives of these but nearly all our negatives of that time were damaged by water and what prints we have are either faded or not especially satisfactory. We could probably make these four medals on two 5 x 7 negatives. The price would be \$10.00. We presume that you want only the obverses as the reverses for the most part are not important. The Medal of Honor for the Army would be of the type adopted about 1903. The one for the Navy we presume you would want the gold medal issued during the World War, although we understand that since the War they have reverted to the old bronze five pointed star type first used in Civil War days. Let us know your decision.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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July 31, 1935

The American Numismatic Society
Broadway and 155th Street
New York City

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing a check for ten dollars and twenty cents (\$10.20) to cover the cost of having photographs made of the four medals mentioned in your letter of July 8th. We are quite satisfied to accept your judgment as to which medals would be the most suitable to use in an encyclopaedia for young people. As the book in which these pictures are to be used is already in press, we should greatly appreciate receiving the photographs as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Lovell Peltton
HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY
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FMS

August 2, 1935.

Henry Holt and Company
One Park Avenue
New York City.

Gentlemen: Attention: Mrs. F. M. Sutton

Your letter of July 31 together
with your check for \$10.20 has been re-
ceived. We will send you the prints which
you desire the first part of next week.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

August 6, 1935.

Henry Holt and Company
One Park Avenue
New York City.

Gentlemen: Attention: Mrs. F. M. Sutton

Herewith we are enclosing two prints of each of the four medals which you desired photographed, and for which you have already sent us your check for \$10.20. We have enclosed two prints each so that you may choose to suit your purpose. We have numbered the medals to which the following descriptions apply:

1. United States Army Distinguished Service Cross - Present Type
Showing Additional Citation in War Department Orders
2. United States Army Medal of Honor - Design Adopted 1904
3. United States Victory Medal - World War 1917-1918
4. United States Navy Medal of Honor - Design Adopted 1919.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator